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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 2 and M.G.L. c. 111, the Health Policy Commission (the "Commission") will hold two (2) public hearings regarding **958 CMR 8.00 – Registered Nurse-to-Patient Ratio in Intensive Care Units in Acute Hospitals:**

Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 12:00 PM
One Ashburton Place, 21st Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Thursday, April 2, 2015, 10:00 AM
Worcester State University, Blue Lounge**
486 Chandler Street, Worcester, MA 01602

The proposed regulation is authorized by M.G.L. c. 111, § 231. The regulation establishes a registered nurse-to-patient ratio of one-to-one or one-to-two in intensive care units in acute hospitals licensed by the Department of Public Health and in hospitals operated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In advance of the public hearings, the Commission anticipates releasing proposed quality measures and questions to assist interested parties in focusing their testimony. The proposed quality measures and questions will be available on the Commission's website and sent to interested parties upon request.

The Commission encourages all interested parties to submit written testimony and comments to the following address: HPC-regulations@state.ma.us. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. Parties who are unable to submit electronic comments should mail submissions to Lois Johnson, General Counsel, Health Policy Commission, 50 Milk Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02109. **All testimony and comments must be received by 12:00 noon on Monday, April 6, 2015.**

All written or oral comments submitted to the Commission may be posted on the Commission's website and released in response to a request for public records. **Please do not include any information in either written or oral comments that may lead to the identification of a patient, other than oneself.**

The text of the proposed regulation may be viewed on the Commission's website at: www.mass.gov/hpc by selecting "Regulations" or "Nurse Staffing."

****Parties driving to Worcester State University (WSU) must display a parking pass on their dashboard in order to park on campus. The parking pass is free and will be made available on the Commission's website in advance of the hearing. Additional passes will be available on site on April 2. Please be advised that the WSU parking policy is strictly enforced.**